

DIARY NOTES

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1. Major General Jack Davis of the National Security Agency telephoned to tell me that it had now been confirmed that he would become the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence of the Department of the Army on 1 September. He expressed his great appreciation to me, John Bross, and the Agency for our interest in him and said that he might knock on our door again in a few years.

2. Larry Houston reported that the Director had a very good session with the Rivers subcommittee this morning. Congressman Rivers proposed to make some statement for the Congressional Record to the effect that the Armed Services Committee is, in fact, effectively overseeing the activities of the Agency. Congressman Porter Hardy apparently agreed with this but said he thought they should learn more about the Agency itself and not just the Agency's intelligence product. The Director therefore wants to give them an organizational briefing in depth with some budgetary figures thrown in at some early date. (Larry and I both talked with John Clarke about this and asked him to start preparing some material.)

3. I advised Howard Osborn of Dick Helms' remarks last Saturday, 26 June, about "Secret" vs. "Top Secret" briefings and asked him to give some thought to developing a paper on the subject.

4. I asked Ray Cline about the status of the SOP for the Watch Office which he agreed to produce last Monday, 28 June. He said that he had neglected to do anything about this but had told both the Director and Dick Helms that he would do something. He agreed to check on this right away but said it would probably be the first of next week before we could have it.

5. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning Mr. Kirkpatrick reminded everyone that the Agency's annual report to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board was due on 1 September and that it was not too early to get started. (I want to follow up on this shortly after 5 July.)

6. [REDACTED] buzzed to say that the Director's office had received a memorandum from Lee C. White, Special Counsel to the President, addressed to the Heads of All Departments and Agencies and attaching a statement by the President that he is opposed to devices which intercept telephone conversations and requiring a report to the Attorney General. There is a caveat,

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however, for national security agencies. I suggested to Walt that we would probably want to talk with the Department of Justice about this rather than to render a routine report.

7. Emmett Echols was in to talk to me about a number of things.

a. He discussed with me the case of [REDACTED] the medical technician who submitted a fraudulent travel voucher in order to travel on non-U. S. aircraft. He talked with Jack Earman about this, and Jack agreed that the Inspector General should look into the whole question. I therefore concurred in a cable to the field instructing them that final action on this matter was being suspended pending an IG investigation and that in the meantime [REDACTED] was on probation.

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b. I approved of the following list of speakers to participate in our 100 Universities' Program this fall: Sherman Kent, [REDACTED] John Clarke, [REDACTED] George Miller, [REDACTED] Joe Becker, [REDACTED]

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c. Emmett left with me a memorandum from [REDACTED] reporting on his conversation with [REDACTED] I want to talk to Dick Helms about this and see if we can figure out some way to comply with the Director's wishes or to get off the hook. Hopefully, we can persuade him to have a briefing on our whole recruitment effort and point out to him the importance of well-targeted recruiting rather than the shotgun approach.

d. Emmett reported that he is worried about the Career Training Program since sixty-five rather than seventy-five for the July class is a bad precedent which might worsen. He was frank to say that the Office of Personnel thinks that this is the fault of the Office of Training, and of course the Office of Training thinks that it is the fault of the Office of Personnel. Emmett felt that the whole screening and selection process is too slow and too cumbersome and pointed out that [REDACTED] is responsible for almost 50 percent of the preliminary selections of external Career Trainees. If this is the case, then there certainly is a valid question of whether the machinery we have here at Headquarters is necessary to make the preliminary selections of the remaining 50 percent. I suggested that this was something which Bob Bannerman might want to look into although it should be carefully approached since there is a great deal of emotion in connection with this program, particularly if anyone alleges that the Office of Training has done anything wrong.

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e. One member of the [REDACTED] firm is a personal friend of the Director, and as a result of their solicitation for some advertising business [REDACTED] has been to see them. He was most favorably impressed with their apparent competence and the Office of Personnel plans to give them some business. I told Emmett to go ahead but under no circumstances should they give anyone any reason to think that they were doing this because one member of the firm happens to be a personal friend of the Director.

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f. I asked Emmett about the status of his nepotism study and was assured that it would be submitted in a few days.

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8. Emmett Echols recommended that, since [REDACTED] has served notice that he does not intend to leave peaceably in November and we will have to proceed against him, we should proceed now. I agreed and asked him to take the necessary action.

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